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SUMMARY: AT PERMREPS LUNCH SEPTEMBER 25, CANADIAN PERMREP ASKED THAT NATO DELEGATIONS EXCHANGE REPORTS THEY RECEIVE FROM NEW YORK CONCERNING MEETINGS ON ATLANTIC RELATIONS TAKING PLACE THIS WEEK, IN PREPARATION FOR EXPEDITIOUS COUNCIL ACTION NEXT WEEK TO IMPLEMENT AGREEMENTS REACHED IN NEW YORK. BELGIAN PERMREP CALLED FOR BALANCE IN ATLANTIC DECLARATIONS AND IN GENERAL TO ENSURE THAT THE GROWTH OF A EUROPEAN IDENTITY DOES NOT PARALIZE ATLANTIC RELATIONS AND CONVERSELY THAT MAINTENANCE OF ATLANTIC PARTNERSHIP DOES NOT INHIBIT GROWING EUROPEAN IDENTITY. END SUMMARY.

1. AT PERMREPS LUNCH SEPTEMBER 25, CANADIAN PERMREP MENZIES SAID THAT THE PRESENT WEEK IS EXTREMELY ACTIVE AND ONE CAN EXPECT THAT THE VARIOUS MEETINGS OF FOREIGN MINISTERS IN NEW YORK WITH DR. KISSINGER AND AMONG THEMSELVES WILL HAVE A PROFOUND EFFECT ON ATLANTIC RELATIONS AND ON THE ALLIANCE ITSELF. HE PROPOSED THAT NATO DELEGATIONS EXCHANGE THE REPORTS THEY RECEIVE FROM NEW YORK AND FROM THEIR NATIONAL CAPITALS IN ORDER THAT THERE MAY BE A COMMON POOL OF KNOWLEDGE. SUCH SHARING OF INFORMATION, HE SAID, WILL CONFIDENTIAL

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ENABLE NAC TO REACH SPEEDY AGREEMENTS NEXT WEEK TO IMPLEMENT THE DECISIONS THAT ARE TAKEN IN NEW YORK. HE FELT CERTAIN THAT SECRETARY KISSINGER WILL TALK WITH MANY FOREIGN MINISTERS, NOT ONLY WITH THOSE FROM THE EC-9, THAT THE SECRETARY WILL

VERY LIKELY DISCUSS THE DESIRED CONTENT OF A NATO DECLARATION AND THE DESIRABILITY OF A CHAPEAU LINKING THE TWO. ALL AMBASSADORS TO NATO, HE DECLARED, WOULD BE IN A MUCH BETTER POSITION TO TAKE ACTION AND ADVISE THEIR GOVERNMENTS ON A BASIS OF FULL CONSULTATION.

2. BELGIAN PERMREP DE STAERCKE SAID THAT EACH AMBASSADOR, HE FELT CERTAIN, WOULD SHARE IN THE NAC DELIBERATIONS THE INSTRUCTIONS WHICH HE RECEIVED FROM HIS FOREIGN MINISTRY AND FROM HIS FOREIGN MINISTER WHO MIGHT BY CHANCE BE PRESENT IN NEW YORK. HE STRESSED THE COMPLEXITY OF THE MATTERS WITH WHICH DR. KISSINGER AND THE EUROPEANS MUST DEAL IN THIS VENTURE. THERE WAS THE LARGE QUESTION OF WHETHER PRESIDENT NIXON WOULD OR WOULD NOT COME. THERE WAS THE GREAT DESIRE IN NORTH AMERICA AND IN EUROPE TO CREATE THE IMAGE OF REAL PARTNERSHIP. THERE WAS THE NECESSITY FOR THE EC-9 TO MAINTAIN THEIR POLICY OF MOVEMENT TOWARD A NEW EUROPE; AND IN ALL OF THESE MATTERS THERE WOULD OF COURSE HAVE TO BE A GREAT DEAL OF DISCUSSION AND EVENTUAL COMPROMISE.

3. FRENCH PERMREP DE ROSE OBSERVED THAT HE DID NOT SEE HOW ANY DELEGATION COULD PARTICIPATE IN A SERIOUS DISCUSSION OF ATLANTIC RELATIONS AT THE NAC MEETING ON SEPTEMBER 26 IN THE LIGHT OF THE EVENTS NOW TAKING PLACE IN NEW YORK. HE EXPRESSED THE BELIEF THAT A NAC DISCUSSION NEXT WEEK WOULD BE FAR MORE OPPORTUNE.

4. DE STAERCKE EXPRESSED GENERAL AGREEMENT WITH DE ROSE, AFFIRMING BELGIAN'S CLEAR RECOGNITION OF THE IMPORTANCE THAT THE NINE AND THE U.S. AGREE ON A DECLARATION. AT THE SAME TIME, THE GOB RECOGNIZES THAT THE NATO DECLARATION WILL DEPEND ON THE FINAL FORM AND CONTENT OF THE U.S.-EC NINE PAPER. HE FORESAW A NUMBER OF PROBLEMS WHICH STILL AWAIT RESOLUTION: (A) THE DECLARATION OR DECLARATIONS AND THEIR CONTENT; (B) THE CONCEPT OF PARTNERSHIP BETWEEN THE U.S. AND THE NINE; (C) THE QUESTION OF A POSSIBLE CHAPEAU; AND (D) THE LEVEL AND THE FORUMS IN WHICH PRESIDENT NIXON MIGHT BE CONFIDENTIAL

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5. DE STAERCKE CONCLUDED BY STRESSING THAT THE GROWTH OF A EUROPEAN IDENTITY SHOULD NOT PARALYZE ATLANTIC RELATIONS; AND, CONVERSELY, THAT THE MAINTENANCE OF HEALTHY AND EVOLVING ATLANTIC RELATIONS SHOULD NOT INHIBIT THE CREATION OF THE GROWING EUROPEAN IDENTITY.
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